



Town of Tewksbury

MINUTES

Committee: Beautification Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Temporary Town Hall, Tewksbury

Members present: Jackie Stone, Paige Impink, Scott Wilson, Dan Elliman, Doug Sears, Jeannette Waugh, guest

Members absent: Sandra Wilson, Tracy Clement, Nancy Gentile

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08pm

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

The minutes of the 10.30.14 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Jackie Stone welcomed everyone back after a hiatus and Doug Sears back to the committee.

The date for the Spring Clean Up day was selected to be May 4, 2015 from 9:00am-2:00pm. It is possible that date will shift again.

The Switchbox Art Project was discussed. Paige Impink and Jeannette Waugh of the TCA presented documents for the program including the application, box templates, call for artists, and presentation which would be made to the Selectmen. With no objections, the Committee agreed to accept the documents. Scott Wilson will present the documents to the Selectmen and provide a date for the topic to be discussed on the Selectmen's agenda. The hope is to have the announcement out in time for an April deadline so that award and painting can commence before the weather is too hot. A motion was made to accept the application as written with the exception that the deadline date might change.

Jackie discussed the Adopt an Island program, asking Scott who the signatory on the program needs to be. It was agreed that the Town Manager should be the one. Jackie is to contact the town manager with a final draft to be placed on a future selectmen's agenda. Jackie will bring the sign examples to the next meeting.

The topic of minimum standards was raised. Scott suggested that the town is working on determining ownership of properties through the state's attorney general's office. This is viewed as a first step toward trying to hold property owners responsible for the condition of their buildings. It was at first though the Committee would have a role in setting minimum standards, but it seems more likely it would be a review and comment role when standards are drafted. Jackie presented a newspaper article which discussed Dracut's approach to handling delinquent property owners.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:40pm

Next meeting: Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Tewksbury Public Library, Trustees Room

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Secretary

Minutes approved by Committee on: 9.14.15

Documents distributed: Switchbox Art Project Application, Template, Call to Artists, Dracut newspaper article